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Title : FERRITIC STAINLESS STEEL SHEET WITH

: EXCELLENT WORKABILITY AND METHOD

: FOR MAKING THE SAME

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following amendments and remarks: